

Economic Sustainability Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta



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The Delta is:

- The largest estuary on the west coast of the Americas
- Home to 800 species of flora and fauna
- Fisheries, Waterfowl, Terrestrial Species
- People, agriculture, historic towns, recreation and tourism
- A crossroads of infrastructure — highways, railroads, petroleum pipelines, aqueducts, natural gas fields and major electrical transmission lines
- The hub of California's water supply for 23 million people and 2.5 million acres of farmland

Delta Economic Output

Sector	Employment	Output
	5 County Impacts	
Agriculture	13,179	\$2,647,124,544
Recreation & Tourism	3,064	\$329,229,232
	California Impacts	
Agriculture	25,125	\$5,372,014,752
Recreation & Tourism	5,317	\$654,415,364

Key Issues for Economic Sustainability in the Delta

- Levee System and Conveyance
- Water Quality, Supply and Flow Standards
- Present and Future Contribution of Agriculture, Recreation and Tourism
- Legacy Communities – ‘Delta as a Place’
- Habitat Restoration and impact on Agriculture

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